

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 23, with the following:

As shown in ~~Fig. 154~~ Fig. 15, the specimen-filled flexible membrane of the collecting portion of the integrated cut and collect assembly 108 may be configured so that it does not substantially trail the distal tip, or only does so partially during retraction of the device 100 from the mass of tissue from which the specimen was cut. The material of the flexible membrane 114 (as detailed below) and the configuration thereof may be chosen so as to achieve the desired behavior during the collecting, isolating and retracting phases of the present method. Fig. 16 shows a fully retracted device 100, containing a collected and isolated specimen 904 in which the tissue architecture has been maintained substantially intact. After full retraction of the device 100 from the mass of tissue, the incision within the skin 904 may be treated and closed according to standard surgical practices. During the excisional method detailed relative to Figs. 9-16, the second lumen 206 (shown in Fig. 2A) within the shaft 104 may be used, for example, to evacuate smoke and/or bodily fluids (e.g., blood) from the excision site within the mass of tissue 908. Alternatively the second lumen 206 defined within the shaft 104 may be used to deliver a pharmaceutical agent to the excisional site, such as, for example, an anesthetic, an analgesic and/or some other agent. The inflatable balloon 208 shown in Fig. 2A may be may be inflated with, for example, a gas (air or carbon dioxide, for example) or a fluid (such as saline, for example). The balloon 208 may assist in stabilizing the present excisional device within the tissue mass after insertion therein and/or to provide some degree of hemostasis during the excisional procedure.